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ANTI-SEA EROSION
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Gujarat has submitted a proposal for anti-sea erosion works to Central Water Commission (CWC) for inclusion in the National Coastal Protection Project;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the steps taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES(SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (c) Water being a State subject, works for anti-erosion measures are taken up by the respective State Governments from their own resources and according to their own priorities. However, realizing the severity of sea-erosion problems in certain critical reaches of the coast line and on the recommendation of National Coastal Advisory Committee, it was decided to obtain information from all maritime States for preparation of a proposal for National Coastal Protection Project and seek external funding. Based on information provided by States, an approach paper was prepared and sent to Planning Commission in July 2004 in this regard. This, inter-alia, included the proposal from Govt. of Gujarat.

In March 2005, the Planning Commission forwarded the proposal to Department of Economic Affairs for posing it to an appropriate Agency of external funding. After due consideration, the Department of Economic Affairs forwarded the same to the Asian Development Bank, (ADB). ADB has approved Project Preparatory Technical Assistance (PPTA) in respect of works in the States of Goa, Karnataka and Maharashtra.

An agreement has already been signed between ADB and the Department of Economic Affairs on 3rd March, 2008.

The consultant engaged by the ADB has undertaken the task for preparation of the project to cover the States of Goa, Karnataka and Maharashtra.

During August, 2008, the Ministry of Water Resources has requested the Deptt. of Economic Affairs to take up the issue of extension of PPTA by ADB to the remaining Maritime States and particularly Gujarat among others.

Further, a High Level Steering Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources has been constituted to monitor/review the progress of implementation of Technical Assistance and provide necessary guidance in this regard. During the first meeting of the Steering Committee held on 20th November, 2008 the issue of extending similar PPTA by the ADB covering remaining maritime States including Gujarat was also discussed and the representative from the ADB gave a positive response.